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Argentina, Bahamas*, Bangladesh, Bolivia*, Brazil, Costa Rica*, Dominican Republic*, Ecuador, El Salvador*, Guatemala*, Honduras*, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands*, Nicaragua*, Paraguay*, Peru, Romania, Spain, Suriname, Tunisia*, Turkey, Uruguay*, Venezuela* and Yugoslavia: draft resolution

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1991/24 of 30 May 1991 in which it took note of the report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its eleventh session, 1/

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 46/99 of 16 December 1991 in which the Assembly took note of the report of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its activities, 2/

Having considered the report of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on its twelfth session, 3/

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* In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

1/ E/1990/34.

2/ A/46/325, annex.

3/ E/1992/18.

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Reaffirming the specific and unique role of the Institute in the areas of research and training that would lead to the systematic inclusion of women in mainstream development programmes and projects,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its twelfth session and the decisions contained therein; 3/

2. Expresses its appreciation for the successful implementation of the programmes of the Institute, particularly activities on improving statistics to yield better descriptive data on the situation of women relative to that of men, including elderly women and women in the informal sector; women, the environment and sustainable development; assessing and developing appropriate communication materials on women and development; rural women and credit; and monitoring and evaluation methodologies for programmes and projects on women and development;

3. Takes note of the programme budget of the Institute for the biennium 1992-1993, approved by the Board of Trustees at its twelfth session, and the commencement of work in the areas of appraisal and evaluation of development strategies and programmes for the maximum impact on women and the long-term research project on methods for the measurement of the value of women's work, including that in the informal sector;

4. Commends the sustained efforts made by the Institute to further enhance its linkages with other United Nations organizations, regional commissions, governmental and non-governmental organizations, research institutions and other organizations and groups with similar interests in developing projects for the advancement of women;

5. Reaffirms the catalytic and advocatory role of the Institute in facilitating the inclusion of women as partners in development through research, training and information activities on issues affecting women and development;

6. Recommends, in view of the increase in research and training being done in the general areas of women and development, that the Institute concentrate on the identification of barriers to improvements in the status of women and the development of tools for the removal of those persistent obstacles to progress;

7. Calls upon States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to contribute through voluntary contributions and pledges to the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, thus enabling the Institute to continue to respond effectively to its mandate.